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First Named Inventor: KOLLAJA, RICHARD A.

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Examiner: Daniel R. Zirker

Title: POLYMERIC COEXTRUDED MULTILAYER ARTICLES

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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Richard A. Kollaja declares that:

1. He is an Applicant of the patent application identified above.
2. He has received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, in August 1982, and a Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, in August 1985.
3. He has been employed at 3M Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Austin, Texas, since June 1985 in various business units and laboratories, and his current title is Technical Manager, 3M Corporate Research Process Laboratory, in St. Paul. During his employment at 3M, most of his work has involved polymer materials and polymer processing, and many of his projects have related to the formulation and processing of pressure-sensitive adhesives (PSAs). A substantial part of his work has been in the field of extruded and co-extruded polymers and the application of extrusion and co-extrusion in making PSAs. He is a named inventor on 8 US patents, 6 of which are in the field of adhesives and/or multilayer extruded films.
4. He has read the Office Action dated August 31, 2004, in the above-referenced application and the references cited by the Examiner. At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has said that, "DE -452 at page 3, next to last paragraph clearly teaches the utilization of styrene based adhesive layers in a wide variety of embodiments, of which it is believed that pressure sensitive adhesives would clearly constitute a member thereof." This sentence refers to German Patent 19806452.
5. Based on his education and knowledge of extruded polymers gained through 19 years of experience in the field, Mr. Kollaja states that the Examiner's belief (quoted above) is not fairly based, because of the following reasons: